

Text: 1 Kings 20:31-43
Topics: Enemies, Consequences, Opportunities
Series: Don't Lose Sight of Your Calling!

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An Opportunity Resulting in a Verdict!

I. Malignment of Mercy (31-34)

God gives opportunity to remove the enemy to God's calling for our lives.

II. Indifference toward Instruction (35-37)

It is not acceptable for anyone to neglect God's instructions.

III. Regrettable Results (38-42)

There will be consequences for neglecting opportunity to remove enemies of our calling.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Read 1 Kings 20:31-34. The Arameans (Syrians) had long been enemies of the Israelites. God gave Ahab a great victory over them in battle and their leader into his hands. Describe the attempt of Ben-hadad to be spared.

What did Ahab do and why was he wrong to do it?

Give an example of an enemy to your calling that you had an opportunity to "destroy" and what happened.

2. Why was what seemed right, wrong in 1 Kings 20:35-37?

What's the lesson on obedience?

Think of an example in your life when obeying God was very difficult, perhaps even felt wrong. What did you do and what happened?

3. Read 1 Kings 20:38-41. What did the prophet accomplish with his disguise and made-up story?

4. Read 1 Kings 20:42-43. What lesson(s) do you see in the prophet's announcement to Ahab? How did Ahab add more failure to his already huge failure?

5. What current "enemy(s)" to your calling are you facing? Explain how Christ Jesus is the key to removing that enemy.